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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PARM, MPOL, MBFR, SALT, NATO, UR  
SUBJECT: U.S.-SOVIET MILITARY EXCHANGES

1. IN A MEETING ON JUNE 13, 1978, GENERAL LT. BORISOV,  
HEAD OF MINISTRY OF DEFENSE'S FOREIGN LIAISON OFFICE  
(FLO), TOLD THE U.S. ARMY ATTACHE, COL. LOEFFKE, THAT  
EVEN THOUGH RELATIONS BETWEEN THE USSR AND THE U.S.  
WERE NOW GOING THROUGH A DIFFICULT PERIOD THIS SHOULD  
NOT BE CAUSE FOR SLOWING THE PROGRESS OF MILITARY  
EXCHANGES BETWEEN OUR ARMIES.

2. THAT SAME MORNING ARMA WAS INFORMED THAT NO  
SOVIET OFFICER WOULD ATTEND ARMA'S 13 JUNE BUFFET  
DINNER PARTY. THREE SOVIET OFFICERS HAD BEEN INVITED  
AND ALL THREE HAD PREVIOUSLY ACCEPTED. COL. TIKHOMIROV  
FROM SOVIET FLO HAD CALLED ARMA ON 9 JUNE TO SAY  
THAT SOVIET OFFICERS WOULD BE VERY HAPPY TO ATTEND  
THE 13 JUNE DINNER. THE REFUSAL FOUR DAYS LATER WAS  
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EXPLAINED BY GEN.LT. BORISOV AS "NOTHING PERSONAL  
BUT THERE WILL BE A BETTER TIME IN THE FUTURE TO  
ATTEND AMERICAN DINNERS."

3. COMMENT: IN LIGHT OF THE PRESENT STATE OF U.S.-  
SOVIET RELATIONS, SOVIET FAILURE TO ATTEND A DINNER  
THAT THEY HAD PREVIOUSLY ACCEPTED IS OBVIOUSLY A MINOR

MATTER. SUCH CANCELLATIONS, HOWEVER, ARE SELDOM  
EXPLAINED AT ALL, LET ALONE IN POLITICAL TERMS. OF MUCH  
GREATER INTEREST IS THE APPARENT CONTINUED SOVIET  
DESIRE TO GO AHEAD WITH THEIR PROPOSALS FOR FURTHER  
HIGH-LEVEL MILITARY EXCHANGES. BORISOV WAS ALMOST  
CERTAINLY ALLUDING TO THE PREVIOUS SOVIET PROPOSAL  
FOR A JULY '78 EXCHANGE OF SENIOR OFFICER  
DELEGATIONS FROM THE AMERICAN AND SOVIET GROUND  
FORCES (ARMIES). MATLOCK

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